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WIC farmer's markets coming to counties across Central Georgia

County Health Departments invite the community to visit

MACON – North Central Health District (NCHD) is hosting its annual farmer's markets for participants of the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition program at each of the 13 county health departments along with the Felton Homes and Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) WIC Offices in Macon.

"We're always excited to host the WIC Farmer's Markets across our counties," said NCHD Nutrition Services Director Nancy Jeffery. "Each one of these events gives our WIC clients an opportunity to receive fresh produce for free at an accessible location. It's a great chance to try healthy fruits and vegetables that may not normally be available without travelling elsewhere."

This year, four of the markets will be partnering with agencies in order provide fresh foods to seniors and participants of the Head Start program. The markets in Crawford and Wilkinson Counties will work with local senior centers and those in Hancock County and at the Felton Homes WIC Office will pair with the local Head Start programs.

"Nutrition and access to healthy foods is important for everyone, no matter their age," said Jeffery. "Partnering with other organizations creates the chance to serve additional people that may not have reliable access to these fresh fruits and vegetables. Helping people get the foods they need is an essential building block for improving the overall health of our community."

Each farmer's market will offer free fruits and vegetables for WIC participants. Supplies are limited, so the market will operate on a first come, first served basis. WIC participants, or their designated alternates, must bring their WIC ID card to take advantage of these free markets. Attendees of the markets not enrolled in WIC may purchase fresh produce from vendors. NCHD encourages community members to come to one of the following:

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| July 2 & 3 8:30 a.m.–1 p.m. | Macon-Bibb County Health Department 171 Emery Highway Macon, GA 31217 |
| July 9 8:30 a.m.–1 p.m. | Twiggs County Health Department 26 Main Street Jeffersonville, GA 31044 |
| July 10 8:30 a.m.–1 p.m. <i>Includes Senior Center Farmer's Market</i> | Crawford County Health Department 141 McCrary Avenue Roberta, GA 31078 |
| July 16 8:30 a.m.–1 p.m. | Washington County Health Department 201 Morningside Drive Sandersville, GA 31082 |
| July 17 8:30 a.m.–1 p.m. <i>Includes Senior Center Farmer's Market</i> | Wilkinson County Health Department 123 High Hill Street Irwinton, GA 31042 |
| July 18 8:30 a.m.–1 p.m. | Jasper County Health Department 336 East Greene Street Monticello, GA 31064 |
| July 23 & 24 8:30 a.m.–1 p.m. | Houston County Health Department 98 Cohen Walker Drive Warner Robins, GA 31088 |
| July 25 8:30 a.m.–1 p.m. | Monroe County Health Department 106 Martin Luther King Boulevard Forsyth, GA 31029 |

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| July 30 8:30 a.m.–1 p.m. | Jones County Health Department 114 Forest Street Gray, GA 31032 |
| July 31 8:30 a.m.–1 p.m. | Peach County Health Department 406 East Church Street Fort Valley, GA 31030 |
| August 1 8:30 a.m.–1 p.m. | Baldwin County Health Department 953 Barrows Ferry Road Milledgeville, GA 31061 |
| August 6 8:30 a.m.–1 p.m. | DFCS WIC Office 456 Oglethorpe Street Macon, GA 31201 |
| August 7 8:30 a.m.–1 p.m. | Putnam County Health Department 117 Putnam Drive, Suite C Eatonton, GA 31024 |
| August 8 8:30 a.m.–1 p.m. <i>Includes Head Start Farmer's Market</i> | Hancock County Health Department 516 Boland Street Sparta, GA 31087 |
| August 13 & 14 8:30 a.m.–1 p.m. <i>Includes Head Start Farmer's Market</i> | Felton Homes WIC Office 150 Sessions Drive Macon, GA 31210 |

WIC is a nutritional program that provides education, food supplements and referrals to health care providers to eligible women, infants and children. For more information about WIC, including eligibility guidelines, visit [NCHD52.org/WIC](https://www.nchd52.org/WIC).

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